

## Message Text

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SUBJ: MENDEZ PRESS CONFERENCE ON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT  
CARTER: COMMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A) MONTEVIDEO 4422 B) MONTEVIDEO 4432

1. THIS MORNING I MET WITH SUB-SECRETARY OF FONOFF  
DELFANTE, AND FONOFF DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF FOREIGN POLICY  
ALVAREZ TO DISCUSS MENDEZ PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY WERE  
EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH SOME OF THE STATEMENTS AND VIEWS  
PRESIDENT MENDEZ HAD ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER. WE  
AGREED ON THE NEED FOR CLARIFICATION, AND THEY HAVE TAKEN  
IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DO SO HERE. DELFANTE PLANS TO  
CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT MENDEZ, THEN CALL IN PRESS  
(PRESUMABLY THIS AFTERNOON) TO ISSUE CLARIFICATION. THIS  
CLARIFICATION WILL DRAW EXTENSIVELY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
REMARKD TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 9 BILATERAL WITH  
MENDEZ.

2. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALLOW THE GOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
AMPLIFY MENDEZ' STATEMENT AS NOTED ABOVE, RATHER THAN  
VOLUNTEERING A STATEMENT BY A DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE  
SPOKESMAN. HOWEVER SHOULD PRESS RAISE MENDEZ REMARKS IN  
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WASHINGTON WHILE WE ARE AWAITING THE GOU'S CLARIFICATION  
I SUGGEST SPOKESMAN: (A) NOTE THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS  
WITH GOU OFFICIALS AND HAVE AGREED WITH THEM ON THE AD-  
VISABILITY OF SOME CLARIFICATION WHICH THEY MAY DECIDE TO  
MAKE; AND (B) THEN DRAW ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S SEPTEMBER 9  
REMARKS TO PRESS EMPHASIZING HIS STATEMENT, "I POINTED  
OUT TO HIM (PRESIDENT MENDEZ) THAT THERE IS A VERY GRAVE

CONCERN IN OUR COUNTRY ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OR CHARGES THAT  
HAVE BEEN MADE, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO URUGUAY AND ALSO  
TO US TO HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS ANSWERED."

3. COMPLETE EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MENDEZ PRESS CONFERENCE  
TRANSMITTED REF B.  
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